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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, applicants submit the documents attached hereto. Pursuant to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, OG Notice 05 August 2003, applicants have excluded copies of the zero (0) U.S. patent documents. All documents are to be made of record in the above-identified case. A listing of said documents on PTO/SB/08B form is also attached.

Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-136172 was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the USPTO on August 4, 2006, along with an English language Derwent Abstract thereof. At that time, applicants did not have an English language translation of said Japanese Patent application. Recently, however, the Chinese Patent Office issued an Office Action on the corresponding Chinese application dated December 7, 2007, and the Chinese patent Office provided an English language translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-136172 with said Action. Applicants are providing said translation to the USPTO in the form of this

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure obligations.

It is believed that the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing date of a first office action in the present case; therefore, no filing fee is believed to be required. If a filing fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge applicants' deposit account 01-1350 for the full amount of said fee.

This statement is not intended to represent that no better art exists. Applicants reserve the right to contest the applicability of the documents attached hereto as prior art in the event that any information is discovered which demonstrates that said documents do not qualify as prior art.

Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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